A 12 POINT ACTION PLAN FOR

Laylatul Qadr

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Almighty Allah says in the Qur’ān, that this blessed night (Laylatul Qadr) is better than 1000 months. Sayyiduna Anas (Radi’Allahu Anh) narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said, “Whoever is deprived from this night, is deprived from all goodness and the one who is deprived from the goodness of this night, is the one who is actually deprived.” [Sunan ibn Majah]

Who would be more deprived than the one who was alive on this blessed night of Qadr, that is better than 1000 months, yet he was deprived of worshipping Almighty Allah? There is no greater loser than the one who is alive on the night of Qadr but does not worship Allah.

Remember, 1000 months is 83 years and 4 months!

According to one understanding of the scholars, whatever good deeds you will perform during this night, you will gain the reward of doing that same deed for 83 years and 4 months!

Brothers and sisters in Islam, if you do not want to be deprived from the blessings of Laylatul Qadr, this booklet gives you a simple action plan to maximise rewards and to search for this blessed night.

When is this night during Ramadan?

According to a Hadith recorded in Sahih Bukhari, the Prophet ﷺ said, "Search for the Night of Qadr in the odd nights of the last ten days of Ramadan." Meaning, the 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th or the 29th night of Ramadan. This was also the position of Imam Malik (Rahimahullah). In another Hadith, the 29th, 27th and 25th nights are mentioned. Whilst in the narration of Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Umar (Radi'Allahu 'Anh), recorded in Sahih Bukhari, the last 7 nights of the month of Ramadan are mentioned.

There are multiple positions ascribed to Islamic jurists and scholars of Hadith regarding this blessed night, which have been covered in detail previously - refer to the lecture, 'How to find Laylatul Qadr' by Shaykh Saqib Iqbal Hh.

How to gain the reward of spending the entire night worshipping Almighty Allah?

It is **recommended** to increase in worshipping Almighty Allah every night in the last 10 nights of the month of Ramadan, as Laylatul Qadr can fall on any of these nights. At the very least, we should ensure that we spend the odd nights in the worship of Almighty Allah.

To make this easy, it is imperative to pray Isha, Tarawih and Fajr Salah in Jamā'at (congregation). The Prophet

ﷺ stated, as recorded in Sahih Muslim, "Whoever prays Isha in congregation, it will be like spending half the night in prayer (qiyam) and whoever prays Isha and Fajr in congregation, it will be like spending the whole night in prayer."

Since we all pray our Tarawih, if we ensure that during these last 10 nights, our Isha and Fajr Salah are prayed in congregation, we will be honoured with the reward of having worshipped Almighty Allah all night, throughout the entirety of these 10 nights of Ramadan!

Acting upon this advice ensures that you will never miss the night of Qadr as we can guarantee that Laylatul Qadr will definitely fall on one of these 10 nights. The night which is better than 1000 months; 83 years and 4 months. Imagine being raised in the hereafter, with the rewards of worshipping Almighty Allah for more than 83 years! This can be attained by simply praying Isha and Fajr Salah with Jamā'at (congregation) in the last 10 nights of Ramadan. It is also important to dedicate some time for additional acts of worship during these 10 nights.

Note: The Islamic night begins at sunset, at the time of Maghrib.

The 12 Point Action Plan

1. Imān (faith)

The greatest wealth of a believer, is the treasure of I Imān. It is imperative that during these 10 nights, you take time out to repent from any actions or statements of Kufir (disbelief) and make dua for protection of Imaan. In doing so you will be blessed with the reward of making this dua for more than 83 years!

2. Taubah (repentance)

Make sincere Taubah from all sins of the past – for further details refer to the lecture of Taubah and Tazkiya by Shaykh Saqib Iqbal Hh, which details the practical method of making accepted Taubah, using the acronym PRAN. As a result, you will gain the reward of making Taubah for more than 83 years! It is recommended to try to shed tears whilst doing so.

3. Sadaqah (charity)

Give Sadaqah, even if it is as little as £1 each night. Remember, by giving just £1 on the night of Qadr, you will gain the reward of giving Sadaqah for more than 83 years!

4. Recitation of Qur’ān

It was on the night of Qadr that the Qur’ān was revealed, therefore dedicate time to reciting the Qur’ān. It is also important to keep yourself occupied with making Istighfar, Dhikr and sending Salawaat on the Prophet ﷺ.

5. Dua of Ma’rifah and Mahabbah

Our ultimate goal is to attain the Ma’rifah, true closeness of Almighty Allah and the Mahabbah, true love of the Prophet ﷺ, therefore, make specific Dua for this on the blessed night of Qadr.

6. Dua for Jannah and Protection from Punishments

One should make Dua to be blessed with Jannah in the neighbourhood of the Beloved of Allah, Sayyiduna Muhammad ﷺ, as well as making Dua for protection from the punishment of the grave and Jahannam.

7. Dua for the Ummah

The Ummah is a body, if one part of the body is hurt then the whole body feels pain. If we do not feel pain, then do we really belong to the body? Beg Almighty Allah to protect and give success to the Ummah. Make

Dua for our brothers and sisters that are suffering around the world and be sure to also make Dua for the deceased, especially your relatives and friends. If your parents have passed away, you should make Dua for them, asking Almighty Allah to forgive any of their shortcomings and convey your rewards to them. By doing this simple action, you and the recipients will gain the reward of your Dua and conveying of rewards for more than 83 years.

8. Prophetic Dua

Seek forgiveness with the following Prophetic masnoon Dua for the night of Qadr as mentioned in the following Hadith.

“Sayyida A’isha Radi’Allāhu ‘Anha said, “I said, ‘Messenger of Allah, if I know what night the Night of Power is, what do you think I should say during it?’ He said, ‘Say:

اللّٰهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوٌّ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

“O Allah, You are Pardoning and you love pardon, so pardon me.” (Tirmidhi)

Keep making this Dua. You will gain the reward of reciting this Dua for more than 83 years!

9. Reconciliation

It is vital you make time during these 10 nights to visit your relatives and reconcile with your enemies. Try to meet them and if you cannot, phone them. If you do not get a positive response, at the very least, make Dua for them. You will gain the reward for maintaining ties of kinship for more than 83 years!

10. Seeking forgiveness from your Parents

We can never fulfil the obligations that we have to our parents, therefore, spend these 10 nights serving them, spending quality time with them and making them happy. As a result of this, you will gain that reward serving your parents for more than 83 years!

11. Qadha Umrī

If you have missed any of your past prayers, start your Qadh Umrī to make up for them. Otherwise, offer Nawaafil (voluntary prayers). Please refer to Shaykh Saqib Iqbal's book 'Qadha Umrī' for further details.

12. Qiyam ul Layl

Do not miss your Tahajjud prayers in these 10 nights. Imagine being in the court of Almighty Allah in the hereafter, with the reward of more than 83 years of Tahajjud!

Concluding advice

This 12 point action plan will keep you engrossed in worship and prevent you from insulting the blessed night of Qadr. We must ensure not to invite the wrath of Almighty Allah due to negligence resulting in the disrespect of this blessed night. If one could not act upon the above 12 points throughout the last 10 nights, or in all of the odd nights (in the last 10 days), one must strive to act upon them on the 27th night of Ramadan.

Whoever you share this knowledge with and motivate to implement even some of these points, an abundance of their reward will also be added into your book of deeds as you were the one who conveyed the message to them.

Remember, even if you pray your tarawih and Isha salah with Jama'at and go to sleep, wake up for suhoor and pray Fajr salah with Jama'at, you will gain the reward of having worshipped Almighty Allah for the entire night, for more than 83 years so long as you refrain from sinful acts in that night too. Try your utmost best to act upon as many of the 12 points as possible.

May Almighty Allah bless us with the night of Qadr.

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